8-623.

- (a) This section only applies if there is no greater criminal penalty provided under this title or other applicable law.
- (b) A person who [knowingly and willfully] violates this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

## CHAPTER 633

(Senate Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

## Real Property - Recordation, Subordination Agreements, and Powers of Attorney

FOR the purpose of authorizing the recording of certain assumption agreements; authorizing the recording of certified copies of certain documents from foreign states and jurisdictions; authorizing the execution of a release by the holder of a certain deed of trust note; requiring the clerk to accept certain documents for recording; allowing the recordation of certain powers of attorney subsequent to certain deeds; authorizing lenders to subordinate their interests in a certain manner; providing a certain form for a certificate of partial satisfaction; clarifying certain terms; and generally relating to instruments affecting real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 3-102, 3-104(e), 3-105(b), (d), (e), and (h), 4-107, and 7-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Real Property

Section 3-105(i), 3-301(c), 4-111, and 4-203(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: